

Dear Montgomery County Council,

Comments to the Operational Budget Council of 2021

Under no circumstances am I in favor of or would support raising taxes.

The county can do a whole lot better managing the finances they already collect.

The mismanagement of finances at the county level is egregious.

The Silver Spring Metro Center is a prime example. The planning, execution, and funding of the project was a catastrophe on a national scale.

The dredging of Gunner's Lake is another prime example. It supposedly cost \$13 million and it is in worse condition now than it was before it was dredged, not to mention that for \$13 million the company only dredged half the lake and did not clean out the culverts so that they are clogged stagnant mosquito breeding pools.

The expansion of Seneca Creek High School is another mismanaged fiasco. How much over budget and behind schedule is the project now? It was scheduled to be completed August of 2019 at a cost of \$130 million (outrageous!). Now, it is expected to be finished over a year beyond its original estimate at a total cost of \$163 million.

If the county wastes similar amounts of time and money on each of its projects then before raising taxes perhaps holding contractors and projects to their original budget should be considered.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Very concerned resident